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Naples, January 4.

THE Officers appointed to take into their Possession the sequestered Effects, and to receive the Revenues of the vacant Ecclesiastical Benefices, or of those held by Foreigners, proceed in the Execution of their Commission with great Diligence. 'Tis reckoned the Discoveries and Sequestrations they have already made, amount to the Value of 90000 Ducats and upwards. The Preparations for putting this Kingdom into a State of Defence, have been so expensive, that the Payment of the Troops and Officers has been suspended for these seven Months past. On Occasion of which Arrears 40 Catalonian Officers armed went in an Evening last Week to the House of the Marquess de Monleone Lieutenant of the Royal Chamber, and required him to give Orders for seven Months Pay to be issued to them; he promised to do it the next Day, and they were paid accordingly. Upon the like Complaints made by others, the Viceroy has written to Vienna. Several Transports are hired to go to Fiume, to take on board the German Regiments which are expected there, and the St. Leopold Man of War is to serve for their Convoy. General Caraffa is made Surintendant of the Castle of St. Elmo: Other Officers, all Germans, are made Governours of the other Castles belonging to this City and Port; and General Werzel is made Inspector-General of the Fortresses of Baya, Capua and Gaeta. Circular Letters are sent to the Presidents of the Provinces, ordering them to draw out and muster the Militia throughout the Kingdom. The Marquess Mastrilli, with several Ingeniers and other Officers, is gone to view the Fortifications that are making

at Capua, which is intended to be made a Place of Arms; and 12 Tartans are taking in Stores of Ammunition and Provisions for filling the Magazines in Gaeta.

Rome, Jan. 4. On the 29th past, the Cardinals and Prelates of the Congregation of the Ecclesiastical Immunity, of which St. Thomas a Becket of Canterbury is the Protector, held a Chapel and had a solemn Service performed, it being his Festival. On the 2d Instant the Pope received several Dispatches by the Return of the Courier whom he had sent to Vienna, on Occasion of the Expulsion of his Nuncio Sig. Vicentini from Naples, and the Suppression of the Court and Office of the Nunciature there. This Courier reports, that Sig. Spinola the Nuncio at Vienna, had been forbid to appear at Court, or to visit any of the Emperour's Ministers, so that he could not enter into Negotiation upon the Instructions which were sent to him from hence, nor deliver the Letters which the Pope had written to his Imperial Majesty, and to the Empress-Mother. Count Gallas, the Imperial Ambassadour, is returned hither from Rome; but 'tis observed that tho' he frequently receives Dispatches from the Court of Vienna, he neither asks Audience of the Pope nor goes to the Palace.

Venice, Jan. 14. On Wednesday last arrived from England three Ships, with Herrings and Sugars, and more are daily expected. 'Tis advised from Dalmatia, that General Mocenigo having put the Troops into Quarters, was going to Zara, there to reside during the Winter; and several Officers who served the last Campaign in that Country, are returning hither. By Letters from Brescia we learn, that the Common-Council of that City have resolved to make new Levies for